



## CHANGES THIS CHRISTMAS AT SMM

This year there will be some changes to our Christmas Mass schedule and we wanted to provide you with advance notice. These changes are due to the 4<sup>th</sup> weekend of Advent and Christmas Eve happening in the same weekend. Below you will find more information about our 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent schedule, our Christmas Mass schedule, the addition of Midnight Mass this year, Vespers & how to help decorate the church for Christmas due to the limited time we have.



### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

Saturday, Dec. 23      5PM

Sunday, Dec. 24      7AM



### Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve      4PM

Sunday, Dec. 24      6PM

Midnight Mass      12AM

Monday, Dec. 25

Christmas Day      9AM

Monday, Dec. 25      11AM

#### WE NEED YOUR HELP!



Christmas décor will be installed from Dec. 22 – 24<sup>th</sup>.  
Join us!

On Dec. 22 & 23, the wreaths, garlands and the beginnings of the nativity set will be put into place. The Advent wreaths will remain as we transition into the next phase of the season.

With Advent & Christmas Eve on the same weekend, we have a limited amount of time to remove the Advent decor and install the Christmas decorations: poinsettias, bows, ribbons, wreaths, pictures & the rest of the nativity figurines.

**We need lots of help in lifting, hanging, swagging, & staging to help create this beautiful story of Christ's birth.** To sign up to help on any of the dates please call Richard Heiss (302) 428-0525 for details.



#### SMM CANDLELIGHT VESPERS DEC. 14<sup>TH</sup> AT 7PM

The choir will be visible in the sanctuary this year, not the choir loft.

The Vesper Service includes Evening Prayer, a service of music with no preaching, and closes with a Candlelight Service. The music has been carefully selected to bring the Christmas message without need of a sermon and will be performed by the Adult Choir of SMM Parish and the Mastersingers of Archmere Academy accompanied by full orchestra under the direction of Mr. David Ifkovits.



#### TRADITIONAL MIDNIGHT MASS THIS YEAR!

Bring the family and feel free to bring the kids in pajamas.